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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Bill;

My staff is currently reviewing the Plan of Operations for modified operations at the Lynn Springs Quarry submitted in August 2011. You were notified in late 2011 that a Mineral Classification of the rock products processed at the Lynn Springs Quarry would be completed by Forest Service Mineral Examiners prior to finalizing the review of your operating plan. Mineral Examiners inspected the Lynn Springs Quarry in July 2012. The Mineral Classification is nearing finalization and my staff will review your operating plan for completeness as per 36 CFR 228.5(a)(3). The plan should also be submitted to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for review and concurrence.

At this time we do not have enough information to analyze the effects your proposed operation will have to surface resources as per 36 CFR 228.8 and the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Please provide additional information pertaining to the following;

- Please provide a map that better outlines the disturbance proposed in your modification and how this relates to the current mine disturbance and features. This map should accurately depict the surveyed limits of the proposed expansion in relation to the current surface disturbance as well as all elements of mining, including waste rock locations, locations for topsoil/growth medium storage. The map provided in the modification is not scaled and is insufficient.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will make a decision in 2015 about whether to list Greater Sage grouse as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. It is important that you are aware that the proposed expansion occurs within an area designated as priority habitat for the Greater Sage grouse. The BLM, working jointly with the USFS, is preparing Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) to address the effects of implementing proposed Greater Sage-Grouse conservation measures on the lands they manage. Your proposed modification will be analyzed for effects to Greater Sage grouse and may be conditioned accordingly.
- Please provide additional information regarding your current reclamation schedule and how it relates to your proposed modification. Do you intend to backfill and reclaim the north quarry disturbance as it currently exists prior to initiating new disturbance related to stripping and clearing outlined in your proposed modification?





- All specific details pertaining to the operating procedures, including methods, equipment, man-power, etc. should be incorporated in the plan modification and not by reference.
- A General Multi-Sector Industrial Storm Water Permit and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be required for your modified operation as a requirement under the Clean Water Act and regulated by the Utah Division of Environmental Quality. Additional information regarding these requirements may be found on line at [http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sector\\_j\\_mineralmining.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sector_j_mineralmining.pdf) and <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/UPDES/stormwaterind.htm> and by contacting Mike George at Utah Division of Environmental Quality at (801)536-4393.
- Your request for a variance with regard to the reclamation bonding associated with the South Quarry area is unclear. Please clarify the language and request pertaining to a variance. It is assumed from the proposed modification that quarry activity within the South quarry would be presented in a future modification when mining within the North Quarry area is exhausted and final reclamation has commenced.
- Please update the modification with the names and addresses of all authorized operators and/or field representatives.

It would be worthwhile to discuss the proposed modification in person once the additional requested information has been received. Once we receive this additional information we will continue to review the plan. If you have questions or would like to coordinate a time to discuss the proposed plan please contact Sawtooth Geologist and Minerals Administrator Heidie Torrealday at 208.678.0430.

Sincerely,



SCOTT C. NANNENGA  
Minidoka District Ranger

cc: Lynn Kunzler, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining